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Fire Season 2000 Ends in Most of California

Sacramento- The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) will end fire season status as of 8 A.M. Monday October 30, 2000 in all CDF units except San Diego, San Bernardino and Riverside.

By ending fire season, CDF will begin releasing seasonal fire fighters, reducing dispatch levels and closing some remote fire stations. These reductions are possible because the recent cool, wet weather has reduced the threat of wildfire in most of the state. However, CDF is a year-round fire department in many parts of the state, and as crews are available, will continue providing such services as medical aid, search and rescue, structure fire protection, and hazardous materials response.

"Several western states had history-making catastrophic wildfires this year, while California's fire season was less severe," said CDF Director Andrea E. Tuttle. "This allowed us to send CDF crews out of state to help our fellow firefighters just as they have helped us in the past. However, we had fire crews burned over and firefighters injured by very aggressive fires this year. We also had a civilian fatality on a wildfire, reminding us that wildfires are always dangerous."

"I want to thank the people of California who created a defensible space around their property and were careful with fire." adds Director Tuttle. "More than 90% of California's wildfires are caused by people, that means that most of those fires are preventable."

